



Town of Garrett Park
PO Box 84
4600 Waverly Avenue
Garrett Park, MD 20896

Regular Meeting of Town Council
Public Teleconference

Town Council Meeting: February 8, 2021

MINUTES

Call to Order (7:30 PM) – Mayor Kacky called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present on the call were Councilmembers Gerilee Bennett, Mario Grande, Phil Schulp, and Dan Simons. Also on the call were Town Manager Andrea Fox, Town Assistant Elizabeth Henley, Bugle Reporter Ed Lincoln, and approximately three residents.

Approval of Agenda (7:32 PM) – In the Town Updates section, the Stormwater item was amended to reflect that the update will be given by Councilmember Schulp. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes (7:33 PM) – The minutes from the January 11, 2021 Town Council meeting were amended to list the attendees present and to revise some of the wording in the Action item. The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Presentation by Residents (7:37 PM) – A Kenilworth Avenue resident described ponding on her property that she believes resulted from sidewalk construction. Mayor Kacky will address this during the Town Updates, SRTS Project agenda item.

Action (7:39 PM)

- *Appointment of Election Judges* – Mayor Kacky. With unanimous Council approval, Mayor Kacky appointed John Tschirky, Jenny Krivanek, and Louise Stomierowski to serve two-year terms as election judges.
- *Introduction of Ordinance 2021-2, FY21 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment* – Town Manager Fox. Manager Fox reviewed the FY21 mid-year budget adjustment. Line 29.2 – Arboretum, was increased by \$5,330; the proposed change for Line 29.2 is now \$15,000. Line 33.0 – Contingency was decreased by \$5,330. Councilmember Bennett moved to introduce the ordinance as amended and it was unanimously approved.
- *Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution 2021-1 (Town Elections 2021)* – Town Manager Fox. Manager Fox described the purpose of the proposed Charter Amendment: if the Governor declares a State of Emergency, Council is authorized to implement emergency election procedures via the adoption of an Ordinance. The amendment would become effective when it is adopted; as proposed, at the March Town Council meeting. The shorter timeline is allowed because of an Executive Order issued by the Governor last year. Councilmember Bennett shared concerns about adopting a Charter Amendment with a shorter than usual window to notify residents. Page 2, second paragraph was amended to replace the word "Village" with "Town." Councilmember Simons moved to introduce the Charter Amendment as amended and it was approved as amended, 3 in favor, 1 opposed.
- *Introduction of Ordinance 2021-3, Town Elections 2021* – Town Manager Andrea Fox. Manager Fox explained that this Ordinance is referenced in the Charter Amendment. The Ordinance has an attached Election Plan. Councilmember Schulp moved to introduce the Ordinance and it was unanimously approved.

New Business (8:37 PM)

- *Redevelopment of 4910-4920 Strathmore – Mayor Kacky.* The land at this location is proposed for redevelopment by EYA. The construction is set to begin in 2022 and includes 112 town home units, single family homes, and a 120-unit senior living facility. There is concern about pedestrian safety, increased traffic, and landscaping. EYA must apply for rezoning. There will be a hearing, and the Town can attend the hearing or submit a letter. Councilmember Bennett has agreed to be the council liaison on this issue and will coordinate next steps.

Town Updates (8:55 PM)

- *SRTS Project – Mayor Kacky.* The Town will receive a reimbursement soon. There are still some punch list items to fix. The auditing of documents is almost complete. In response to the question from the Kenilworth resident, Town Maintenance Staff are waiting for a heavy rainfall to observe the magnitude and flow of water to better inform potential solutions. Once there is a definitive solution, this will be sent in a letter to the property owners.
- *Archives – Councilmember Schulp.* Materials from the 1940s and 1950s, and transcriptions from the Mother's Club circa the 1940s were scanned. The Players Collection will be an upcoming virtual exhibit. The (contract) Town Archivist is working on Town records.
- *Stormwater – Councilmember Schulp.* Going forward, Councilmember Schulp will have responsibility for stormwater and Councilmember Grande will have responsibility for Archives. Councilmember Schulp will bring the Rokeby project to completion in coordination with resident Chuck Berry. A survey of the area is needed, then bid documents will be updated.
- *Train Horn – Councilmembers Simons and Schulp.* The consultant prepared a 22-page report that presents options and feasibility. Council was asked to review pages 17-22. The March Town Council meeting will have an agenda item on this topic with 20 minutes allotted. Councilmember Simons will consider ways to engage residents to arrive at a conclusion about what to do, i.e. through a resident survey or discussion, possibly facilitated by the Citizen's Association.
- *Town Hall – Mayor Kacky* provided an update on behalf of Councilmember Paczkowski. He is looking at February 25th as a possible date for a public meeting to discuss Town Hall renovation options. Councilmember Paczkowski has agreed to be the point of contact and Council liaison for Thrive Montgomery 2050.

Town Managers Financial Report & Town Manager's Report (9:17 PM) - The January Financial Report and Town Manager Report were summarized. Manager Fox will follow-up with Council about an FY22 budget retreat, and the Town Office will remind residents to clear sidewalks following snow or ice storms.

Mayor Kacky adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM.



Signed,

Andrea Fox

Andrea Fox, Clerk-Treasurer